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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. L. Collins, et al.
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Title: TARGET AND BACKGROUND CAPTURE
METHODS WITH AMPLIFICATION FOR
AFFINITY ASSAYS
Art Unit: 1807
Examiner: Dianne Rees

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 51-52.

Please amend claims 53-54 as follows:

53. (Amended) A method for amplifying a target polynucleotide contained in a sample medium comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting the sample medium with reagent comprising a first nucleic acid probe which binds to the target to form a probe-target complex;
- (b) contacting the sample medium with a support which binds to the first nucleic acid probe of the probe-target complex;

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